

LA BELLE LODGE

Ancient Order of United Workmen
Holds Its

ANNUAL LODGE OF SORROW.

MEMORIAL SERVICE HELD YESTERDAY MORNING AT THE THIRD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—BEREAVEMENT NOT A CALAMITY, SAYS REV. R. R. BIGGER IN HIS ADDRESS TO THE WORKMEN—THE USES OF SORROW SPOKEN OF—A LARGE AUDIENCE ATTENDED.

Yesterday morning at the Third Presbyterian church, the La Belle lodge of the Ancient Order of United Workmen held its annual memorial service in respect to the dead of the lodge. The church was well filled with members of this and other lodges of the order, and others. The principal feature was the address on "The Uses of Sorrow," by Rev. R. R. Bigger, pastor of the Third Presbyterian church, who said:

On this memorial occasion it is not my purpose nor desire to bring back to your minds the sorrowful scenes of your bereavements within the last year. Some of your departed brothers have scarcely vanished from you, and you have not yet ceased hoping to greet them. Doubtless you feel like exclaiming:

"It matters not; for, go at night or noon,
A friend, when'er he dies, has died too soon."

Rather would I show you that suffering and sorrow fill a large place in the present system of things. These afflictions are not accidents or exceptions to the course of nature, but they enter into the development of every life. Trials have their uses. We may not always be able to see the good they do, yet the thoughtful person cannot fail to notice the change for good wrought in many lives by this agency. I believe that the world is blest equally as much by tribulation as by pleasure. What we enjoy most is not always best for us. Pleasure of the right kind is surely a blessing, but tribulation sent from an all-wise God is also a blessing. Is it not true that its effects upon the character of many persons are truly benign? It has been said that "Suffering is the parent of gladness, sorrow the seed of joy, affliction the germ of glory." The diligent student can hardly fail to notice that there seems to be a relationship between trials and glory, chastisement and tribulation and triumph, cross and crown as intimate as that between cause and effect, seed and fruit, the wrestler's struggle and the wrestler's garland. Therefore, as we hold this service in memory of your dead this morning, let us not look upon sorrow as a calamity, or even as a thing to be deplored. Let us rather reason together concerning its uses and how true character is brought out by its influence.

DRAWS CLOSE TOGETHER.

I. Sorrow draws you closer together in sympathy. Some one has said the world needs more than bread; it also needs sympathy. Brotherly love never reaches its sweetest and best until it has suffered. Homes which never have been broken may be very happy in love, and very bright with gladness, but after sorrow has been a guest there there is a depth in the love which was never experienced before. Sorrow opens up the fountains of sympathy in the heart, it binds us close in the ties of brotherhood. The exercise of human love and sympathy is as far above mere animal instinctive affection as the heavens are high above the earth. These powers were not given to us without a purpose. Therefore we are placed in a world in which there are many opportunities for the exercise of every tender sympathy with which we are endowed. Some philosophers have rashly and rebelliously declared that a worse, more cruel world than this could not have been created, simply because there is sorrow and suffering in the world. What foolishness this is! They forget that a world without pain, without irksomeness of labor, without sorrow, would also be a world without the blessing of sympathy, the blessing of rest, and the blessing of tender help and loving care. Suppose we have a world without sorrow, what would be the result? Why there would be no joy. Because if we destroy the sensibilities out of which pain proceeds, we likewise destroy the source of joy, for their sources are identical, the same part of our nature; and God has not only given us the power of exercising fraternal love and sympathy, but He has already placed before us the need and the opportunity of exercising this power for the good and happiness of our fellow men. The bereaved and suffering want help and sympathy. To grant this requires mutual self-sacrifice, and this in turn strengthens the bond of sympathy among you.

TO A REALIZATION.

II. The sorrow of bereavement awakes those who are left to a realization of their new responsibilities. The man who has no responsibility is of little use to the world. "Many a son has become a man the day he saw his father's form lowered into the grave, and turned away to take up the mantle that had fallen at his feet. Many a thoughtless boy has become a serious man, as in a day, when he returned from his father's funeral, and found it his duty to care for his widowed mother, and the management of the business. Many a man has grown almost instantly into beautiful gentleness, when the taking away of the mother of his little children compels him to be henceforth both father and mother. Many a woman has been transformed from weakness to strength by the bereavement which took her husband from her side, leaving her with little children to bring up. Very often God's way of making us useful is to lay greater responsibilities upon us. Character is developed in this way. In your organization of mutual helpfulness, when your ranks are thinned by the reaper, death—the onward way of whose sickle never ceases, the duties of

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charity and usefulness to others falls heavier upon those of you who remain. You must take up the work that they have laid down. Our Savior taught this truth to his disciples when he said, "Greater works shall ye do because I go unto my Father." The disciples were sorrowful because their Savior was about to be seen no more among them bodily; but He taught them that it was best that he should go away; for by doing so they must assume the great responsibility of spreading His kingdom, and they would also receive power from on high to fit them for their task. I speak from experience when I say that the sorrow of bereavement is often turned into a blessing, by imposing upon those who remain responsible and high duties. God alone knows best when bereavement should come.

HELPING SOME ONE.

III. It gives you the blessed opportunity of helping some one. "Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and the widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world."—Jas. 1:27. The spirit of helpfulness is the spirit of Christianity. Our motto should ever be, "As ye therefore have opportunity do good to all men." There is nothing that we need to study more constantly than the question, how can we help one another? We are some times astonished at how much can be done by one person to lighten the burdens, remove the sorrows and brighten the joys of a multitude. The greatest of all luxuries is the luxury of doing good. Here as nowhere else, is the law exemplified that reads, "To him that hath, shall be given." The more we exercise the talent for helpfulness, the more the talent increases; and when we stand in the Last Great Day to receive our reward we may expect a recognition of a helpful spirit, for the Master has said, "Whoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward."

We have to learn to help one another. We are naturally selfish, self-centered and thoughtless. But sorrow has opened our hearts and hands as nothing else could do. Until we experience what it is to be helped when in distress, other people's griefs touch us in a very superficial way. When our homes are unbroken, the sorrows of other homes do not find responsive echoes in our hearts. But when we have experienced sorrow and distress, we have a new power or helpfulness. Crises on our neighbor's door means more after that. Thus it is that sorrow in your homes makes you kin to sorrowing hearts. The power to be a true helper of others, a binder-up of broken hearts, a comforter of sorrow, is the most divine of all endowments; surely, then, it is worth while to pay any price of pain or suffering to receive the divine anointing to such sacred ministry. There is not a man before me this morning, who does not feel happier every time he helps a deceased brother's widow and her fatherless children. I say it is a blessed opportunity, when we have an occasion of helping some one. If there were no suffering and sorrow in the world, there would be no occasion of lending a helping hand; we would become cold and unsympathetic, and our selfishness would sink us below the lower animals.

OUR BETTER HOME.

IV. The sorrow of bereavement makes us think of our better home above. If things always went smoothly with us here, if no flowers ever faded, if there were never any interruption in our earthly joys, we would not think of the enduring things of the invisible world. It is when earthly things fail, that we learn to set our affections on things above. Many a man has never found peace with his God until his heart was desolated by the storms of sorrow. The Apostle Paul wrote, "Godly sorrow worketh repentance." God knocks at the door of many hearts by the voice of tribulation. I care not how successful a man's life may have been in other things, if he lives and dies without God his life is a failure. "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" In Revelations 7:14, the redeemed are spoken of thus: "These are they which came out of great tribulation."

The sorrow for the dead, therefore, brings a blessing to the living. We should not doubt God's benevolence on account of the sorrow and pains of life. Plainly pleasure is not the great end of life. Such a doctrine might do for the giddy disciples of Epicurus, but in the light of the Christian nineteenth century, it can not stand. As you, therefore, hold in memory the names of your departed friends to-day, let it be in humble submission to the will of Him who knows what is best for us. And even if we do not at all times see the hand of Divine Mercy and Love in our sorrows let us remember that "now we know only in part."

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Mr. G. V. Burkett, of No. 29 S. Washington street, for over twenty-five years employed at the Wheeling & Belmont Bridge Company's works, says: "For several years my kidneys were in a bad condition and my back was so weak and sore, that when I stooped over I could scarcely straighten up. On several occasions I was taken so badly when at work that I had to be helped home, and when the doctor came he injected morphine to give me ease. Neuralgia pains in my head, down the back, through the stomach membranes, aching limbs and restless at night, were other symptoms which plainly showed when the secretions of the kidneys went wrong. What the trouble arose from I saw Doan's Kidney Pills so highly recommended by parties near home that I felt there must be some real merit behind them, so I got a box at the Logan Drug Co., and began taking them. I can now positively say they are the best remedy I ever tried for the kidneys. They are quick in giving relief, sure in action, and pleasant in use, causing no inconvenience of interfering in any way with one's every day work."

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The Ruiz Case.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 21.—The house committee on foreign affairs to-day agreed to make a favorable report on the resolution of Representative Williams, of Mississippi, asking the state department for information on the Ruiz case. The resolution is as follows: "Resolved, That the secretary of state be directed, if in his opinion compatible with the public interest, to send to the house the reports made to the department by Consul General Leo, and any other report made to the department by consuls or commercial agents of the United States on the subject of the execution of Colonel Ruiz by the Cuban military authorities."

There was no division over the resolution and the vote was unanimous in favor of reporting it. Beyond this there was no reference to the Cuban question except in reference to the subcommittee of the various Cuban resolutions introduced recently.

To Govern Pension Attorneys.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 21.—Commissioner Evans, of the pension office, has in preparation a new set of regulations governing the practice of attorneys before and the adjudication of claims in the office. The effort will be made to simplify to some extent the methods now in vogue in adjudicating claims, but without in any manner lessening the requirements imposed upon pensioners to show cause why their claims should be allowed, and to relieve the embarrassment which results from the successive administrations of that pension office. It is felt that a claim acted upon by one administration should be regarded as "res adjudicata," unless evidences of fraud in its prosecution subsequently have been brought to light, when it shall be re-opened.

Roller Steamer Inventor Dead.

PARIS, Jan. 21.—M. Ernest Bazin, the inventor of the roller steamer, is dead. M. Bazin had projected a vessel which, it was claimed, would cross the Atlantic from Havre to New York, in about four days. The vessel, named the Ernest Bazin, was launched August 19, 1896, at St. Denis. The vessel, it is said, has met some of the expectations of her inventor, but the principle upon which she is built does not seem to have gained favor.

Repressing Prague Riots.

PRAGUE, Bohemia, Jan. 21.—Owing to the racial embitterment, which prevails, the police have prohibited the wearing of party badges and club uniforms, under the penalty of one hundred florins fine or fourteen days' imprisonment. The residence of the local branch of the Vienna banking association was raided last evening by eight youths, who were expelled by the police. The police also dispersed a number of small gatherings. Otherwise the city has been quiet.

Relieved India's Money Market.

CALCUTTA, Jan. 21.—The bill introduced by Sir James Westland, the finance minister of council, on January 14, providing for the issue of currency notes in India against gold was adopted to-day, with the condition that the secretary of state be given the option of paying gold into the treasury, providing India pays an equal sum into the currency department here. The bill has already relieved the stringency of the money market.

Hobbled the Grave.

A startling incident of which Mr. John Oliver, of Philadelphia, was the subject, is narrated by him as follows: "I was in a most dreadful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite—gradually growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Fortunately, a friend advised trying 'Electric Bitters,' and to my great joy and surprise, the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they saved my life, and robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50 cents per bottle at Logan Drug Company's drug store.

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BLUNDERED UNWITTINGLY.

And so the Placid Course of Young Married Love was Disrupted. "Henry," said Evangeline Hartley, as she threw her arms around her husband's neck, "I have been as miserable as possible all day." He had just got home; it was evening, and he noticed that his wife had on her most becoming clothes. She looked like a young girl again, and he felt something—a sort of thrill such as one gets in an elevator when it suddenly starts downward—that hadn't bothered him much for two or three years.

Catching her little white hands in his, he led her into the parlor, drew her down beside him upon some soft, cushioned thing, the name of which only a woman could be expected to know, and then patting her gently upon her rosy cheeks, he said: "And so you've been unhappy? I'm sorry to hear that. What made you so?" Looking up at him through glad tears she replied: "Oh, Henry, how can you ask that? Haven't you been miserable to-day?"

"Why, no," he answered in frank amazement; "not at all. The fact is I've felt particularly buoyant all day—seemed to be walking around on air, for some reason."

But she had drawn back and was looking at him with hard, dry eyes. She frightened him. He knew that he had said the wrong thing, and, manlike, made a bad matter worse by blundering ahead in the unknown darkness instead of quietly waiting for light.

"No," he hurried to explain, "I'm mistaken; it was yesterday that I was so happy. Yes, it was yesterday. Yesterday I was as happy as a robin in the springtime. Some sort of a cloud has seemed to be hanging over me all day. I can't imagine why this feeling has haunted me. It must—"

"Henry Hartley," his wife interrupted, tragically pointing the finger of conviction at a point midway between his blinding eyes, "stop right where you are! Don't lie! By doing so you only add to my misery. If you were ignorant of the cause of my unhappiness it is only greater proof of what I have feared for a long time."

"Evangeline," he explained, trying to put his arms around her, "don't treat me this way. I am no criminal. I haven't done anything that I'm ashamed of."

Then she arose, with a wild cry of pain, and, rushing away from him, wept as if her heart would break.

"Oh!" she sobbed, "he has ceased to love me, and isn't ashamed of it! Oh! Oh! Oh! Oh!"

"Say," he bawled, beginning to get angry, "what the devil's the matter with you, anyhow?"

"That's it!" she shuddered. "Swear at me now! Go ahead; finish it up! Beat me! Oh! Oh! Oh! Oh!"

Mr. Hartley took several swift turns about the room, clenching and unclenching his hands, and walking so hard that the chandelier rattled. At last he stopped in front of her and said:

"Come, dear, what's the use of acting the baby?" You know I love you with all my—"

She interrupted him with a mocking laugh. At that moment she might have been an avenging witch, with her victim pleading for mercy.

"And so you call it babyish," she exclaimed, "for a woman to rebel when her husband insults her in one breath by giving her to understand that he cares nothing for her, and in the next tells her that he loves her, as if she were a foolish dog, to be beaten and petted by the same hand! When you started down town this morning I had run upstairs for my belt, and so was not at the door to kiss you goodby. But what was that to you! Did you even know it? Perhaps you did, for you're unusually happy all day! Ah, you'll never have cause to be miserable over my kisses again!"

Then she rushed away, and he did not follow. He knew at last that he was in a deep, dark hole. So he just sat there, swearing softly to himself and trying to think how he might get out—Cleveland Leader.

Hard to Satisfy.

A father in Scotland who wishes to present his infant for baptism is expected to pass a slight examination in the shorter catechism. One day a collier went to his minister to bespeak him for the christening of his child.

"How many commandments hae ye?" asked the minister.

"Twenty," rejoined the collier, who was forthwith sent back to pore upon his studies in elementary theology. On his way he met a brother miner, who was going to the minister for a similar errand.

"How many commandments hae ye, Jock?" asked the first.

"Ten,"

"Oh, you needn't trouble him w' ten. I offered him twenty the while, but he wasna satisfied."—Household Words.

The Discovery of the Day.

Aug. J. Borel, the leading druggist of Shreveport, La., says: "Dr. King's New Discovery is the only thing that cures my cough, and it is the best seller I have." J. F. Campbell, merchant of Safford, Ariz., writes: "Dr. King's New Discovery is all that is claimed for it; it never fails, and is a sure cure for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. I cannot say enough for its merits." Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds is not an experiment. It has been tried for a quarter of a century, and to-day stands at the head of its class.

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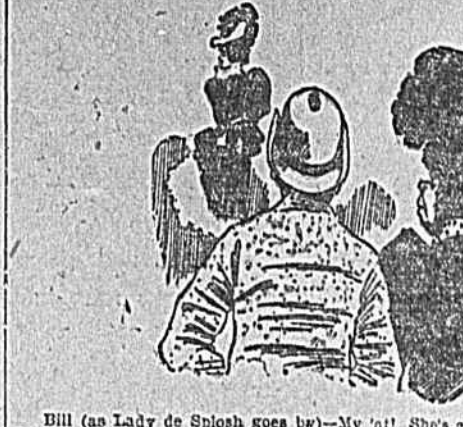
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Sal (loftily)—It's the dress that makes all the difference, y'know—Ah Sloper.

FRANCE IN CHINA.

Two More Battleships Ordered to the Orient Immediately. LONDON, Jan. 21.—A special dispatch from Paris, published this afternoon, says orders have been received at Cherbourg and Toulon respectively to immediately prepare the battleship Bruix and the battleship Vauban to reinforce the French squadron in the far east.

The Bruix is a steel vessel of 4,754 tons displacement and 9,049 indicated horsepower. She has an armored belt about eight inches thick and carries two 7.5 inch guns, six 6.5 inch quick firing guns, four 2.5 inch guns, four 1.8 inch guns and six 1.4 inch rapid fire guns. The Vauban is a steel vessel of 6,203 tons and 4,560 indicated horsepower. She has an armored belt ten inches in thick-

ness, carries four 8.4 inch guns, one 7.5 inch gun, six 6.5 inch guns, and twelve rapid fire guns.

PARIS, Jan. 21.—The news that the French warships Bruix and Vauban have been ordered to sail immediately for China is confirmed. The two ships will sail on January 24, Monday next. Admiral De Beaumont has been appointed commander-in-chief of the French squadron in the far east. He will hoist his flag on board the Vauban.

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